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hartford street zc news

I will tell you by gatha:

*The mind, which calls the mind 'the mind'
Has no way to be seen;
When expanded it wraps round the whole world,
When contracted, it permits not even the tip of a needle.*



*I am just searching for
the mind;
Never look for the Buddha
Everything in the three
cosmos is void;
I truly understand no thing
exists.*

*If you are looking for Buddha,
Just search the mind;
This mind which you are
calling 'the mind',
This is the Buddha which is
mind itself.*

*Even though originally I am
searching for the mind,
The mind itself already knows
all.*

*If you want to search for
the mind,
Do not try to understand the
mind.*



public schedule

mondays

* 7:00 am zazen
* 7:40 am morning chanting service

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm evening chanting service

* last monday of each month, no
morning schedule

*The nature of Buddha,
Cannot be attained outside the mind,*

*As soon as a mind arises,
Sin will also arise.*

[The Gateway to Sôn - Hye Am Choi, Myo Bong Shin](#)



upcoming events:

dharma talks @10:15am saturdays

hszc speakers

Myō Lahey - aug 22, 29 -- sept 26 -- oct 10 & 🍁 31

Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock - sept 5

guest speakers

Peter van der Steere - sept 12; **Anshi Daigi, Zachary Smith** - sept 19; **Kai Ji, Jeffrey Schneider** - Oct 3; **Ryuko, Laura Burges** - oct 17; **Fugan, Eugene Bush** - nov 14; **Ryuei, Michael McCormick** - dec 12

full moon ceremony - **saturday, Aug 29 @11am** - full harvest or corn moon. the fishing tribes are given credit for the naming of this Moon, since sturgeon, a large fish of the Great Lakes and other major bodies of water, were most readily caught during this month. a few tribes knew it as the Full Red Moon because, as the Moon rises, it appears reddish through any sultry haze. it was also called the Green Corn Moon or Grain Moon

study hour - thursdays @7:30pm: selected Studies of Zen Master Dogen. [see our website](#) for details.

closure & schedule changes -

first monday of each month - no morning program, only evening [schedule](#)

founder monthly memorials - [Issan's](#) is the 6th of each month and [Philip's](#) is the 26th (or closest dates to these if cant be on that day) evenings at 6:40pm or saturday

tuesdays - fridays

6:00 am zazen
6:40 am kinhin (walking meditation)
6:50 am zazen
7:20 am chanting service
7:40 am soji (brief temple cleaning)

6:00 pm zazen
6:40 pm chanting service

thursdays study hour 7:30pm

saturdays

6:30 am zazen
7:10 am chanting service
7:25 am soji
8:30 am drop-in instruction
9:25 am zazen
10:15 am dharma talk
11:00 am refreshments/social *

* if a ceremony applies it will occur before social time

mornings

Issan 25th annual memorial event - saturday, Sept 5th @ 11am and sunday, Sept 6th @4pm. Formal invite to come... see below for details and if you wish, to go ahead and RSVP please feel free to do so now!

practice discussions at hszc are available with Rev. Daiko Tanzen, David Bullock. and **Dokusan with Rev. Myo Lahey** please call us, approach them directly, or email: hszc108@yahoo.com to request to schedule time.



an image from the Issan Dorsey segment of the performance piece [blackbird](#) which will be part of the Issan 25th memorial event (see below)

words from our Abbot: Rev. Myō Lahey

...some of us, myself included, who are practicing the Buddha Way have been consistently confronted with challenging feelings of anger and ill-will. It is said that amongst the three poisons of greed (lobha), hatred (dvesha), and confusion (moha), one will seem to dominate in the character of a given individual. In my case, it is dvesha, and so the trap is always to be lead by the seductions of other-directed anger, the sordid pleasure of imagining the worst possible fates for those whom one has branded anathema. As those dreadful waves arise, the only



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refuge is to give them the whole body as the beach upon which they crash. Thus their boiling energy is spent in the unguessable caverns of the body-mind, rather than in compelling actions of body, speech or mind which will simply pass that energy on, to harm others whom one may not even have met.

It occurs to me that the Court's decision <Gay Marriage> opens a new horizon for many whose pinched and narrow view, often dictated by generations of ideologically-driven American fundamentalists, has left them blind to wider possibilities. That is, the 5-4 decision in Obergefell v. Hodges has revealed new roads of compassion which can now be taken by those who do not immediately take craven refuge in declaring the Court illegitimate. Religious congregations may now cite the law of the land in granting nuptial rites to same-gender couples, even over the grumbling of congregants who stubbornly resist the tide of living and learning to which we all must yield, if the spirit itself isn't to become stunted, twisted by fear and willful ignorance.

The U.S. has recently celebrated another anniversary of its founding. My prayer is that the all-too-easy tendency to give mere lip-service to the stated principles upon which our nation is based will be supplanted by the much more challenging work of living up to the appropriately high standards so important to those who laid the groundwork for this country. Just as challenging, of course, is the "inner work" of making sure that our commitments to the three pillars of Buddha's Way, sīla or upright conduct, samādhi or cultivating mind that is both supple and settled, and prajñā, or living wisdom, don't get lost in the jostling, noisy marketplace of ideas that is modern America...

[Sweeping Zen pulished article July 2015](#)



25th Issan memorial event! september 5th & 6th 2015 @ HSZC

with **an Issan performance vignette event** from [blackbird by Seth Eisen](#) saturday, Sept 5th @ 11am and;

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a founder's memorial followed by a reception sunday, Sept 6th @4pm

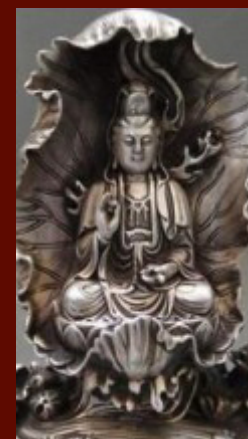
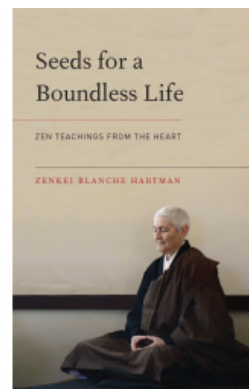
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from the hszc library -

Coming Soon to the HSZC Library:

[Seeds of a Boundless Life by Blanche Hartman](#)

Zenkei Blanche Hartman is an American Zen legend; she will be 90 years old next year. A teacher in the Shunryu Suzuki lineage, she was the first female abbot of an American Zen Center. She is greatly revered, especially in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she has lived for many years. This, her long-awaited first book, edited by Zenju Earthlyn Manuel and published by Shambhala Publications, is a collection of short teachings taken from her talks on the subject of boundlessness - the boundlessness that sees beyond our small, limited self to include all others. To live a boundless life, she encourages living the vows prescribed by the Buddha and living life with the curiosity of a child. The short, stand-alone pieces can be dipped into whenever one is in need of inspiration.



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Five (or possibly six) sessions on Tuesday evenings,

7:30 – 9:00, Sept. 2, 8, 15, 29 (Oct. 6 ?)

\$150 for the series, includes a non-refundable deposit of \$25. except in case of cancelation.

Class size limited to five people.



You will make a small sampler quilt using several basic techniques.

For details & to register please contact David at daiko1948@yahoo.com

fundraising help needed - Sangha Library Project:

Help us get new bookshelves for the library and if possible, re-model the living and dining rooms!

How can you help? Thanks to Sheryl Leaf, HSZC has again been selected as a beneficiary of the Castro Street Fair, so please **mark your calendars for the first Sunday in October (10/4/15)** and start rallying the sangha, your friends and family for a great fundraising event!

Sheryl will have a sign up sheet for email notification of the volunteer link from EventBrite (toward the end of summer). Per your requests HSZC will not have an official gate this year – this opens up many new ways to volunteer for the fair and support our efforts, such as safety, exhibitor support, setup, breakdown, stagehand, or info/sales.

Jim Shalkham, our librarian, is overjoyed at the possibility of shelving our entire collection. Jim has worked diligently the last 2 years in (1) purchasing core texts and highly respected works and (2) bringing the collection up-to-date with new titles. The result is a collection that is both pertinent and credible. Currently though, about 20% of the full collection (810 books) cannot be displayed because we are out of shelf space.

The funds from the Fair will be used to purchase new shelving and move the library to the dining room. This also opens up the possibility (based on the availability of funds) of re-modeling the living and dining rooms. I'm sure you have ideas. It's been a long time since we've refreshed these public areas. Your thoughts?

Sangha brothers and sisters, we hope you will support our efforts at the Fair! And with our library! Note: All members of Hartford Street are able to check books out of the library. If you aren't yet a member, please consider joining our sangha community.

Donations to the library fund would be bookishly accepted and appreciated! Please designate on checks and PayPal that the gift is for the Library Project.

Thank you and blessings.

<p>HIV meditation group; weekly meditation group for those living with HIV, their friends, families, community supporters & anyone who wants to join us! thursdays & fridays 10:30am zazen 11:00am garden socializing</p>
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<p>meditation in recovery; weekly meditation group for men & women in recovery from addiction fridays, 7:30pm - 9pm</p>
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<p>(women only) meditation in recovery; monthly meditation group for women in recovery from addiction first thurs, 7:15pm -8:45pm</p>
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<p>(men only) meditation in recovery; a monthly meeting for men in recovery from addiction 3rd thurs of every month, 7:30pm-8:30pm</p>

<p>board of director meetings; you're invited to attend & observe! second weds of each month, 7:30pm</p>

*please contact us for rental space & events, ceremonies performed by a zen priest
- weddings, memorials, coming of age & baby naming events -*



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